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## JAPANESE LABOR

It is something of a coincidence that the action taken by the Japanese laborers at Puunene and the pertinent advice given by Consul General Yada of Japan to Japanese laborers in conference in Honolulu should have appeared in the same issue of this paper. Both were highly important items of news and had it not been that the Puunene mass meeting was held two days prior to Consul Yada's speech it would have appeared that the Maui laborers were acting upon his advice. Perhaps they were moved by some of the things he has said previously to his Honolulu speech for he has spoken to the point in many places and at many times in the past.

No matter what was the moving influence that caused Puunene laborers to cut away from labor organizations, the action is one which will tend to produce a better feeling towards Japanese labor. If other plantation laborers shall follow the same course, the harmonizing effect will be heightened and greatly emphasized. But will they do so?

Last week's meeting is not the first time that laborers of Puunene have expressed the most kindly sentiment towards the management of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and relations between employers and employed there have been particularly satisfactory and gratifying. Other plantations have been trying consistently and earnestly for better housing, living and working conditions on Maui. They may not have achieved so much but they have perhaps not been in so favorable a position. Still the housing conditions on nearly all of the Maui plantations are immeasurably better than they were five years ago.

It may be that the action of the Puunene laborers will not be followed by the laborers of the other plantations. It may be that it was occasioned by the particularly cordial entente there established but the action will still have its effect.

Consul General Yada, spoke right to the point in Honolulu, Monday when he blamed the strike on Oahu of last year as a disturber of the harmony that had previously existed in the Islands. In part he was right in saying that the strike precipitated the demand for Chinese labor. To an extent it did but the withdrawal from the Islands of so many Japanese and Filipinos on the savings from high wages and large bonuses was an important operating cause also. And the consul was surely right when he said that the fomenting of industrial strife would weaken the position of the Japanese in Hawaii and on the mainland as well.

Mr. Yada came to the Islands at a time when the situation for the Japanese here was decidedly critical. He has consistently worked to better relations, to bring about a cordial understanding and his services have been important to his countrymen and to citizens of the Territory. His services will be missed when he leaves the Islands to become the representative of his country elsewhere.

## INTENSIVE PRODUCTION

There was much meat in the report of H. P. Agee of the planters' experiment station. He said that if the planters can increase their yield per acre in cane or sucrose content or both so as to secure an important increase per acre in extraction at a sacrifice to the acreage planted and cultivated, it would be found much more profitable. That is what every well managed plantation in the Islands has been seeking to do and why the most improved sugar making machinery is being installed in the mills after each grinding season.

Every one will admit the force of Mr. Agee's arguments, but how to achieve the result is the question that bothers. One important point he brought out in his report is that Hawaii suffers at this time from deficiency in quality as well as in quantity of labor. It has lost not merely workers but efficiency of workers.

The experiments in super-intensive cultivation of which he told were enlightening and surely the time will come when such methods are quite generally employed in all parts of Hawaii. But they are experimenting and practical application is what is necessary. Increase production by 25 percent while reducing the area cultivated an equal amount.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES

Nowhere, in no way, is the spirit of Christmas better exemplified than here on Maui in the Community Christmas tree celebrations. All races, all creeds, all ages of childhood come together and there is no discrimination shown in what they receive, in what is done for them. Class enters into it not at all. There is a little gift for each and the program is for the enjoyment of them one and all equally.

It may seem that little is done for the children for the gifts are not expensive and the costs to the community are small but the little folk are none the less happy. It is the idea that they are remembered, that they are cared for, given something, that really appeals. It is the Christmas spirit that is evidenced and radiates and descends upon the great and the small alike. The community and every member of it is better for such an observance of the day of the birth of the Christ.

In the home the tree has its charm and beauty; in the Sunday school it answers its particular purpose but no where does it mean quite so much, so fully harmonize with the spirit of the season as when it is made a truly community affair.

It is strange that public speakers should display such intense ignorance as they often do. In Honolulu a visiting speaker advised the removal of the mayor because he saw drunken men on the street. Had he investigated the powers and duties of the mayor he would not have placed himself in the position of appearing foolish himself or else of conceiving his hearers to be little better than fools. Such a faux pas cannot but weaken the cause the speaker espouses.

Some business men appear horror stricken that wharfage tolls should go into the general territorial funds. The maintenance and the interest costs have had to come from the territory so it really

## THE OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST

If one looks for the best in others one is apt to receive the best that they have for it is natural for a person to try to live up to that which is expected of him.

Fear is the most common and least warranted quality in man. Almost yes practically every one fears something, and yet man was made to control all things in the world through his will. Fear paralyzes the will and makes man a slave instead of a monarch.

It is the mental attitude that makes life what it is to each man or woman. Who lives in self and for self, suffers in self and for self, but the person who gets out of self and into the heart of humanity is the one who gains bodily health and the other joys of life.

Distrust is a second cousin to wretchedness if harbored habitually.

Nothing is more easily soiled than a reputation and much hard rubbing is required to remove stains. Some soil their own reputations and others seek to soil that of their neighbor.

It is easy to become so skeptic as to disbelieve before the evidence in the case is offered. It takes experience and restraint to remain unbiased.

The general idea of reform is to make the other fellow conform to one's own ideas.

One who ignores a slur or an affront hurts the giver more than himself for he deprives the offender of the satisfaction of knowing that he has hurt.

Next to his pocket book his self esteem is the most vulnerable spot in the average man.

Some of those who purchase on credit and do not pay their bills are the most persistent hagglers over prices. Perhaps they do not want to increase the burden of the debts they plan to carry more than can be avoided.

It is better to walk around the imperfections of one's neighbor than to stumble over them.

Those who are going out after business report this season promises to be better than the normal, though not so active as last year. It is those who are sitting back, Micawber like, who are complaining that business is poor. A little advertising tonic is what they need to put pep in the business system.

One good thing about those who procrastinate in their Christmas shopping is that they wait until it is too late to send off to some mail order house on the mainland and have to encourage home industry.

should cause no alarm. It makes the users of the wharves pay for the use to the taxpaying public through the territorial treasury, that is all.

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